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## An Old Favorite

### THE LAST LEAF

By Oliver Wendell Holmes

SAW him once before,  
As he passed by the door,  
And again  
The pavement stones resound,  
As he totters o'er the ground  
With his cane.

They say that in his prime,  
Ere the pruning-knife of Time  
Cut him down,  
Not a better man was found  
By the crier on his round  
Through the town.

But now he walks the streets,  
And he looks at all he meets,  
And he sinks his feeble head,  
That it seems as if he said,  
"They are gone."

The mossy marbles rest  
On the lips that he has prest  
In their bloom,  
And the names he loved to hear  
Have been carved for many a year  
On the tomb.

My grandmother has said—  
Poor old lady, she is dead  
Long ago—  
That he had a Roman nose  
And his cheek was like a rose  
In the snow;

But now his nose is thin,  
And it rests upon his chin  
Like a staff,  
And a creak is in his back  
And a melancholy crack  
In his laugh.

I know it is a sin  
For me to sit and grin  
At him here;  
But the old three-cornered hat,  
And the breeches, and all that,  
Are so queer!

And if I should live to be  
The last leaf upon the tree  
In the spring,  
Let them smile, as I do now,  
At the old forsaken bough  
Where I cling.

## THE TANGLE IN SENATE

STEERING COMMITTEE IS UN-  
ABLE TO UNRAVEL THE SIT-  
UATION WHICH BLOCKS  
LEGISLATION.

### AGAINST A NIGHT SESSION

Talk Now is on Trying to Reach a  
Compromise With Quay et al.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate met at 11 a. m. today it was still the legislative day of yesterday a recess having been taken last night until this morning. The proceedings were still behind closed doors. The Panama canal treaty was immediately laid before the senate. Mr. Morgan yielded the floor to Mr. Burton, republican advocate of the omnibus statehood bill. Morgan then spoke for an hour and gave way to Quay, but the latter was interrupted by a motion of Mr. Cushman that Morgan be allowed to discuss the canal question in open session. The motion brought on a general debate in which rules of the senate, the advisability of cloture, the necessity of maintaining in the senate a form of free speech and many other kindred topics were discussed. Among those who spoke were Messrs. Spooner, Teller, Depew, Hale and Bacon, most of whom opposed the motion for open doors on the ground it was not expedient to air our relations with other countries before the world at large. The speakers differed widely, however, as to the expediency of policy of delay which it was freely charged was now being pursued in connection with the Panama canal treaty on the one hand and the statehood bill on the other while some senators avowed themselves advocates of rule cloture, others expressed conviction that a prolongation of the present situation would lead to the speedy adoption of such a rule.

Mr. Morgan and Quay earnestly denied any understanding between them as intimated by Mr. Hale.

Mr. Cushman's motion was not put to a vote. Mr. Quay resumed his speech, speaking for two hours or more reading reports on the canal question.

At 5:30 in accordance with the decision of the steering committee against the night session, a recess was taken until tomorrow morning. This decision of the committee was reached after ascertaining that the sentiment of the senate was against holding another night session until an effort was made to reach an adjustment of the somewhat tangled legislative condition in the senate. In order to bring about such an adjustment it was suggested that a compromise might be made on the statehood bill. The opponents of statehood never have believed the measure could be carried as a rider on the office appropriation bill in the senate but friends of the measure have declared they had votes not only to carry it, but to overrule the chair should he decide the rider not in order. The opposition said today that should such be the case it would mean an extra session and the appropriation bill with a statehood rider will be defeated. The leaders of the statehood fight are willing to assume responsibility for this outcome. With this situation before them the steering committee discussed the possibility of a compromise with republicans who have been favoring the statehood bill but without reaching an agreement. Should the compromise be agreed upon, it is stated it will include the ratification of the Colombian and Cuban treaties.

## HELD TO THE GRAND JURY

Undertaker Who Assisted in the New  
York Insurance Fraud Was An  
Artist.

### IN MAKING DEAD LOOK YOUNG.

New York, Feb. 20.—Joseph Trepani, the undertaker, connected with the alleged life insurance frauds was held to the grand jury in \$5,000 bonds. The testimony today was startling. Dr. Oliver Moore, a physician who examined a body that had been exhumed by the insurance company testified: "When I examined the body in the coffin I found it to be that of a much older man than the man I had examined as Trombora on the day of the issuance of the policy. The examination of the body revealed the fact there were mottos on the hands. When they were taken off I saw the glove had been stuffed with cotton and the right foot was also mottled. The right foot was also mottled. The block of wood shaped like a foot. The lips had been sewn together so as to conceal the absence of teeth. The mouth was stuffed with cotton causing the cheeks to puff out and give the body the appearance of being that of a much younger man."

Francis B. Foster, an agent for the company testified he had received sums ranging from \$100 to \$500 each week from the insured. The money was carried by those concerned in the alleged frauds.

## CEDAR RAPIDS HOTEL HORROR

CLIFTON HOUSE PROVED TO BE  
A FIRE TRAP AND GUESTS  
HAD NO MEANS OF ESCAPE

### NINE BURNED TO DEATH

Nine Burned to Death—Long List of  
Injured But None Fatally—Dig-  
ging in the Ruins for Dead.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 20.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Clifton hotel, cremated nine guests and caused injuries to 42 persons who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from the second and third story windows. After an all day search in the debris four bodies have been recovered. It is now believed that five more bodies remain in the ruins, which is said to have been a flimsy structure filled with delegates to the state Young Men's Christian Association convention and district convention of Knights of Pythias. The hotel register was destroyed, making it difficult to ascertain the number of missing persons. Forty men have been working in the rubbish all day and will continue to dig for the remains of the burned persons all night. The loss is \$60,000. The dead:

W. A. MOWERY, of What Cheer, Ia.  
E. C. YOUNG, of Minneapolis.  
TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN, bodies recovered.

FIVE BODIES still in the debris.

The Seriously Injured.

Vina Burns, waitress.  
L. C. Burnett of Nebraska City, Neb.  
Dr. S. C. Grove of Cedar Rapids.  
P. E. Strickland of Clinton, Ia., jumped from third story window; leg broken, injured internally.  
Sinda Williams.  
Lizzie Kelly.  
Emma Smith.  
Beatrice Netolicky.  
Celia Williams, waitresses.  
F. C. Outing, of Center Point.  
H. W. Bremer of Lyons.  
F. R. Moore of Chicago.  
J. L. Winniger of Waterloo.  
J. E. Anderson of Chicago.  
A. S. Parrow of Boone.  
F. G. Gardiner of Davenport.  
D. F. Taylor of Davenport, head water, elbow fractured, hip injured; burned about the body.

Louis Thompson of Cedar Rapids.  
C. W. Roberts of Cedar Rapids.  
A. M. Larsen of Oelwein.  
L. O. Vernon of Delta.  
May Reel, waitress.  
N. P. Hoover of Tama, Ia.  
T. J. Zally of Canton, Ill.  
C. L. Benedict.  
C. P. Hawes of Decorah.  
J. A. Elyar of Davenport.  
J. O. Redmon, mail clerk of Tama.  
H. M. Templeton of Monticello.  
H. M. Lewis of Ottumwa, bruised.  
C. E. Hamburg, of Leroy, Minn.  
R. C. McConahy of Aurora, Ill.  
O. J. Lan's, of Center Point, Ia.  
G. F. Kaesser of Walker, Ia.  
C. A. Roseland of Independence, Ia.  
F. A. Chase.

## KING TELLS HIS STORY

Murderer of Abraham Garver Claims  
That He Acted in Self De-  
fense.

### THE CASE GOES TO THE JURY.

Springfield, February 20.—Special to The Herald.—The case of the people vs. Johnson King, charged with the murder of Abraham Garver came to an end in the circuit court today and was given to the jury.

King was on the stand today and told his story which was to the effect that he had been forced to kill the old man in self defense.

State Hampered.

Inasmuch as no one was present when the killing occurred the state had few witnesses to offer. The witnesses the prosecution placed on the stand testified there was blood between the wagon and the point where Garver's body was picked up. This evidence tended to show that King had killed Garver while the old man was in the wagon and had then carried him to the spot where he was found.

The defense introduced witnesses to show that Garver was a dangerous man. It was shown that Garver had been convicted of murder in the state of California, stabbing a man to death, and that he was defended by the late Governor Oglesby. It was also shown that his sister, Mrs. Gannon, of Decatur, is worth \$100,000 and that she refused to have anything to do with her brother.

Mrs. Nannie King, the defendant's aged mother, over whom the killing ranged, testified that Garver called at her home and demanded something to eat. Witness said she told the man she had nothing for him, whereupon, she alleged, Garver told her that he already had killed two women and was prepared to kill another. At the same time, she says, he flourished a knife.

Witness said she rushed into the house and that Garver followed her. She then called for assistance from the neighbors and later went into the field, where her husband and son were working, and told them of the man's visit. Her son secured a horse and, borrowing a revolver from a neighbor, went in pursuit of the old man, she said, for the purpose of bringing him back to Middle Hill and notifying the authorities to take charge of him.

As King came upon Garver, who was driving a team of horses, it is claimed by the defense that Garver started after him with a stick and a knife. After being stabbed in one side the defense asserts, King, in order to save his own life, shot and killed Garver.

## WAS POPE LEO'S HAPPIEST DAY

JUBILEE SERVICE AT ROME WAS  
A BRILLIANT GATHERING OF  
CHURCH DIGNITARIES.

### AND FAITHFUL CATHOLICS

Costly Golden Tiara Given His Holiness and Money Presents Reached \$120,000.

Rome, Feb. 20.—The pope's jubilee, or the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election, was ushered in by a high mass in the basilica, celebrated by Cardinal Rampolla. Later the pontiff received the cardinals and other dignitaries, who presented him with a gold tiara, which cost \$25,000. The function was held in the hall of beatification, situated above the porch of St. Peter's, the people being allowed to witness the passage of the pope there and also in the Sala Duca and Sala Regia.

The pope's health is perfect, but Dr. Lapponi insisted that his holiness be most cautious especially in view of the trying coronation function on March 3. The pope objected to Dr. Lapponi's precautions, saying: "I am afraid my faithful will think I do not show myself sufficiently. They will accuse me who am well and strong, of trying to save myself. It must be considered that many have crossed the ocean to do me honor, and it is my duty to receive them."

His holiness, however, yielding to his physician's advice, adding: "Well, never mind; I will receive others in years to come."

Great Crush of People.

There was a terrific struggle to get into the hall of beatification, where the pope held a reception. People were swept off their feet and women overcame, but no one was really injured.

World Wide Character.

The babel of tongues ran in protest testified to the world wide character of the gathering. There was a long and tedious wait before the ceremony commenced, and the audience was growing restless when suddenly a great roar of "Long live Leo" and "Long live the pope-king" announced the arrival of the pontiff.

His holiness was born in the sed's gestatoria on the shoulders of eight men habited in red brocade. The pope himself wore gorgeous robes and had the triple crown on his head. He bestowed benedictions right and left as he passed through the cheering concourse, whose enthusiasm was so great and whose desire to touch the hem of the pope's gown so intense that the presence of guards seemed really necessary for his protection.

The Escort.

The pope was accompanied by several cardinals and escorted by noble guards in their red state uniforms which they had not worn since the fall of temporal power. On the right of the pontifical throne was assembled the Pecci family to which the pope belongs and on the left stood Count Almadori. When the pontiff ascended the throne he seemed to be in a kind of glorified atmosphere attained by a peculiar arrangement of red draperies before the windows.

Cardinal Respighi, vicar of Rome, read an affectionate Latin address expressing loyalty and devotion and offered a gold tiara, the jubilee present of the Catholic world, which cost \$25,000. Other addresses and rich gifts were made, and money presents aggregating \$120,000. The pope expressed gratification and admiration at the artistic designs and workmanship of the various offerings and then charged Monsignor Bisleti, his master of the chamber, to read a Latin speech. In this address the manifest expression of which he is the object of the part of the Catholic world. For the second time in a century continued Pope Leo, Christ has wished to glorify his vicar on the earth by allowing him to reach the years of St. Peter. The address ended by saying the pontiff was happy to celebrate his jubilee amidst the homage and veneration of the Catholic universe. After bestowing the apostolic blessing the pope returned to his apartments amid enthusiastic plaudits of the multitude. He completed the functions of the jubilee without undue fatigue, in returning to his apartments he exclaimed: "This is really the happiest day of my life."

In St. Peter's this afternoon Cardinal Rampolla celebrated mass and Te Deum. He was surrounded by twenty-four bishops.

The special feature was the procession through an immense basilica in which took part 300 Catholic associations carrying hundreds of lighted torches with magnificent effect.

The congregation numbered 30,000 and included Grand Duke of Hesse, Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, Countess of Trani and Prince Hohenlohe-Waldenburg.

## THE BLIZZARD HURT BUSINESS

CAME AT A TIME WHEN RELIEF  
WAS IN SIGHT FROM CON-  
GESTED TRAFFIC.

### SPRING ORDERS ARE HEAVY

The Railway Earnings Continue to  
Show an Increase—Business  
Conditions of Week Reviewed.

New York Feb. 20.—Dun & Co. in their trade report will say: Just as railway congestion began to give way before the vigorous efforts of traffic managers, the situation became further complicated by the worst snow storm of the season and the movement of merchandise is again interrupted. The latest figures of gross earnings show the usual winter February slump, surpassing by 17.6 per cent last year. Trade is interrupted to considerable extent by inclement weather except in certain reasonable lines, notably heavy wearing apparel. Wholesale houses dealing in staples have received liberal orders and much forward business has been placed. As the season advances there are more contracts available for the erection of buildings of bridges and railway extension, strengthening the market for structural material which is one of the finest features. Quieter conditions prevail in the markets for dry goods, although the mills are busy and prices well maintained. Numerous lines of cottons have again advanced in response to the upward tendency of raw material, and the first result has been a disposition to delay purchases by leading buyers. Western jobbers are placing liberal case orders for fall styles with New England producers of boots and shoes, but wholesale trade at the east is between seasons.

Estimates this week 247 in the United States against 250 year ago.

Bradstreet's.

Wintry weather has retarded, but not checked the spring jobbing trade which despite drawbacks, is still far in advance of a year ago. The price situation taken as a whole, is a remarkable one. Country produce, particularly butter and eggs, has displayed exceptional strength, while old stock of commodities except where there are advances are noted as in the case of cotton goods, which are very strong at the highest prices in years. Col. lectors are rather better as a whole, ranging from fair to good the country over, but by no means active and limited only to transportation facilities. The sugar market has been somewhat flat, but the net change on the week has been a slight advance on refined, despite the reports of jobbers cutting prices. Coffee remains steady at close to the lowest prices in years.

Wheat, including flour on board for the week 2,714,000 bushels against 2,609,000 bushels the same week a year ago, since July 1, 15,135,700 bushels against 17,522,000 the same time last season. Corn exports 3,731,000 bushels against 248,000 a year ago and 2,298,000 bushels in 1901; for the year 2,371,000 bushels against 22,906,000 bushels last season.

The advance in prices of cotton yarns is reported to have discouraged buyers, but manufacturers offering to buy have done a fair business. Wool has been dull and firm on reports of active employment for mill machinery and small stocks of raw material.

## GOVERNOR CUMMINS CALLS

On President Roosevelt to Discuss Po-  
litical Situation as Regards  
Iowa.

### PLATFORM WAS THE TOPIC.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Roosevelt today received a call from Governor Cummins of Iowa, who with Mrs. Cummins, is passing a few days vacation in Washington. The governor desired today to merely pay his respects to the president, but before he leaves Washington he will have an extended conference with him.

While Gov. Cummins conveyed the impression there was little political significance in his visit, it is known he desires to discuss with the president and others distinguished in national affairs political question of interest not only to Iowa, but also to the entire country.

The republican state convention of Iowa will be held next summer for the nomination of candidates for governor and other state officers. At present Gov. Cummins has no opposition for the gubernatorial nomination. The platform to be made by the Iowa republicans will be of importance, particularly as this is the year just preceding the presidential election. On account of the attitude assumed by the Iowa republicans under the leadership of Gov. Cummins on the tariff question it is understood the platform declaration of the republicans of that state this year will be discussed during the governor's visit. Gov. Cummins said that while nobody could foretell the action of the convention regarding the platform, he assumed that, if he should be re-nominated it would be on the platform that would not be inconsistent with the declarations of the Iowa republicans in the past. It is said, however, to be the desire of Gov. Cummins, after the consultation with the president and republican leaders generally, to have the republican party of Iowa stand in harmonious relationship with the national leaders and national policies of the party.

Gov. Cummins called at the White House again tonight by appointment and remained for over an hour in consultation with the president. He declined to be interviewed after returning to his hotel.

## FORTIFICATION BILL

It Was Passed By the House—Cur-  
rency Bill Up.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The house today passed the fortifications appropriation bill, adopted a conference report on a bill for the protection of the president, and on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and then spent three hours wrangling over the Fowler currency bill. The latter bill had been given privilege by terms of a special rule adopted Monday, but when the debate began it was clear that the democrats began to filibuster. Mr. Battelle of Georgia declaring it was useless to waste time on a measure which is not intended should become a law. After half a dozen roll calls the house finally got into a committee of the whole to consider the bill, but it then being 5 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Fowler, the house adjourned.

## SCHLEY RESOLUTION TABLED.

House Naval Committee Against  
Giving Pay of Rear Admiral.

Washington, Feb. 20.—A resolution which passed the senate providing that Rear Admiral Schley be given the pay and allowances of a rear-admiral on the active list was called up in the house committee on naval affairs today. The resolution was tabled.

Secretary Cortelyou attended his first cabinet meeting today at the head of the new department of commerce. He was given a cordial welcome by the president and other members of the cabinet.

Postmaster General Payne, who has been confined to his apartments for one day by an attack of gout, was able to attend the cabinet session today and later go to the postoffice department.

## QUADT SAYS FAREWELL.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Count A. Von Quadt-Wykadt-Iny counselor of the German embassy, and Countess Quadt were received in farewell audience by the president and Mrs. Roosevelt today. They leave soon for Berlin.

## CHICAGO MONEY LENDERS RAISE SLUSH FUND

To Prevent Passage of Bill Against  
Assignment of Salaries.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20.—It is reported here that money sharks of Chicago, who loan money to employees and take as security an assignment of their unearned salaries have raised a fund for the purpose of defeating legislation looking to the prohibition of assignment of salaries. The senate has made the matter under consideration and the judiciary committee reported an amendment to one bill which it is claimed affords no protection whatever to employers, who will still be liable to suits by the money sharks on assignments of salaries. A bill is pending in the house, which its friends state will protect employers from annoyance and it is this house bill which the money sharks, as claimed, have raised money to defeat.

## PARSONS MAKES APPEAL

To Chairman Grosvener for Passage  
of Ship Subsidy Bill.

New York, Feb. 20.—President C. B. Parsons, of the Maritime Association of New York has sent to Chairman Grosvener of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, a letter urging the passage of the ship subsidy bill. Citing reasons for the voting of the subsidy, Parsons calls attention to the fact that American laborers refuse to accept employment at wages that obtain abroad, thus making it impossible for owners of American vessels to profitably compete with the more cheaply built and more cheaply operated foreign ships. He also refers to the recent investment of \$9,000,000 American capital in foreign ships offered and manned by foreigners. He closes with an appeal to congress to assist by subsidy in the building of a great American merchant marine.

## MINE WORKERS ADJOURN.

Name Committee to Meet Operators  
and Adjourn.

Springfield, Feb. 20.—The National Mine Workers Association convention adjourned today after deciding to demand an increase of wages of 12 1-2 per cent. A committee was appointed to meet the Illinois Coal operators when they meet here with the United Mine Workers. William Seafie, of Springfield, was elected secretary treasurer; executive committee, Edward Atkinson of Sreator; H. C. Newcomb, of Pana; James Shaw of Peoria; James Harrison, of Pleasant Plains; John Kaney, of Centerville; E. E. Ledford, John T. Armstrong of Mystic, Iowa.

## GETS SQUARE AGAIN.

Recent Utterance of Emperor Settles  
Question of Orthodoxy.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—Emperor William's faith in God and Christ and in the authority of the old testament, as declared in his letter to Admiral Hollman, chancellor of the German oriental society, is accepted by leading authorities of the state and church as a satisfactory evidence of his orthodoxy, which for months has been the cause of deep concern to theologians and pastors.

## DEATHS OF THE DAY.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—Miss Ellen Smith, who during the past twenty-five years has been in turn instructor, professor and registrar of the University of Nebraska, died today. She came from Michigan in 1877.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 20.—Major General Charles D. Little, is dead at his home here. The deceased enlisted with the fourth Michigan volunteers at the outbreak of the war and rose to the rank of brigadier general. At the close of the war he was promoted major general.

## SHOULDN'T MIX IN POLITICS.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20.—On the ground that a miners' organization should not mingle in politics the United Mine Workers' convention today refused to adopt resolutions favoring public ownership of mines and railroads.

## SPEAKS OF ONE COUNTRY.

Schley, McClure and Wheeler Deliver  
Addresses at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—Admiral Schley, Col. McClure and Gen. Joe Wheeler were given an ovation by the people of New Orleans this afternoon. They came at the invitation of the Progressive Union and spoke to an immense crowd. Schley's speech was one of praise for the men of the navy and their loyalty to the flag. Col. McClure emphasized the good feeling between all sections of the country, that was well received by the great audience.

Anderson, Ind., Feb. 20.—The Big Four today purchased the Chicago and Southeastern railroad at receiver's sale for \$1,010,000.

## TRAIN'S VICTIM HIS MOTHER

Doctor Who Saw Woman Killed Found  
She Was Parent.

Passaic, N. J., Feb. 20.—Dr. Alice H. Burdick, 60 years of age, who practiced medicine in New York city but lived here was struck by a train and instantly killed at the Prospect street crossing of the Erie railroad last night. Opposite the station at the time was Dr. Edward Debaun. He was called and hurried over, to find the victim was his own mother, he being her son by her first marriage.

The son was so shocked that he had to be carried away.

## MRS. ROOSEVELT'S MUSICALS.

Washington, Feb. 20.—A large number of guests attended the musical house this afternoon.

Among the guests were Governor and Mrs. A. B. Cummins of Iowa, the Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, Mrs. Garrett A. Hobart, Garrett A. Hobart, Jr., and Sir Charles and Lady Ross.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Illinois—Fair Saturday and Sunday; fresh to brisk southwest to northwest winds.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Friday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Professor J. H. Conradt, government observer:

7 a. m. .... 6 Highest ..... 31  
Noon ..... 26 Lowest ..... 9  
7 p. m. .... 24



## DEFENDANTS WIN

Blickle and Thomas Were Not Liable For the Broken Leg of Bill Thomas.

## DECREE OF DIVORCE GRANTED

Judge Philbrick Gave Home—Judge Cochran Returns Monday.

The jury in the Thomas-Blickle case had little trouble in arriving at a verdict. The case was submitted to them about 15 minutes before the noon adjournment and when court convened after the dinner hour they came into court and gave a verdict for the defendants.

Except that it compelled the defendants to go to the expense of defending the suit no one ever seriously considered the claim for damages and the verdict was not a surprise but what had been expected.

**Divorce Granted.** R. F. Baird was granted a decree of divorce from his wife, Addie Baird. The testimony was that she had deserted him and gone away with another man and that the last time they were heard from they were in Chicago living as husband and wife.

**No Court Today.** There was no court today. Last evening Judge Philbrick adjourned court until Monday. At that time Judge Cochran will be here to preside and the hearing of jail cases will be taken up. There are only a few cases of that kind and they will be disposed of in short order. It is likely that a venire for a new jury will be issued on Monday.

The orders entered on the docketed Friday were as follows:

## Law.

Francis M. Webb vs. John W. Eckman, et al.; assumption. Defendant to declaratory judgment. Leave to amend declaration and to file one additional count. Motion by defendant to dissolve attachment in aid and motion overruled.

Susan Thomas vs. John Blickle et al.; trespass on the case. Verdict for the defendants and against the plaintiff.

## Chancery.

J. W. Reimann, conservator vs. Jeremiah Turpin, trustee; chancery. Rule on defendant to amend bill by next Monday.

Daniel Stookey vs. W. H. Holly; foreclosure. Cause settled and stricken.

Benj. F. Baird vs. Addie E. Baird; divorce. Cause heard by court and decree as prayed.

Walter Eden vs. A. S. Clark et al.; foreclosure. Appearance of P. J. Keller entered in writing and cause referred to master.

## WHO WILL BEAT THE BASS DRUM

**Trouble Starts in the Elks Over a Specialty Feature.**

What started in a good natured way in regard to who would beat the bass drum and play the various instruments in the Salvation army specialty, which is one of the features in "A Night on Bohemia" has developed into quite a heated contest and has caused some ill feeling among the members of the lodge.

Joe Bixby on account of his many years experience in selling goods on the road has many supporters for the position who claim that he is the best "drummer" in town. One of the instruments is an Irish Jew-harp and the contest for this instrument has caused John Hogan to say some very mean things about Leo Heilbrunn.

The many friends of George Miller are urging him to carry a tamborine and take up the collection, claiming that his long experience in the county treasurer's office especially fits him for the position of custodian of the Army's money, but here is where trouble commences again for the friends of Frank Merrill claim that Frank's long experience in the city council will enable him to get the money if there is any in sight. It seems that the only solution of the difficulty will be to let Will Muzer play all the instruments for several days.

Will played 15 ball pool with Reethoven in fact taught him the game. The specialty in question is one of the very prettiest in the show and Prof. Love says that if the matter is not settled quickly he will have to cut out the part, as it requires a great many rehearsals and the time is getting short.

## CAN'T BE DETERMINED.

**Too Early to Tell Inheritance Tax in Fenton Estate.**

J. B. Moffitt appointed to determine what sum was due the state from the estate of H. W. Fenton under the inheritance law reported to the county court Friday that at present that was a thing which could not be determined. He said that it was possible that even after the death of Mrs. Jessie Fenton it might not be possible to tell what sum would be due the state because of the fact that the estate is entailed to her son, Hamilton W. Fenton. The report was approved.

## Bought a Grocery.

C. A. Stambaugh and O. H. Bennett have purchased the grocery store at 225 West Green street, formerly owned by S. M. Cane. Mr. Stambaugh was formerly employed by the Mueller Manufacturing company and Mr. Bennett was formerly with the Stewart Dry Goods company.

## Marriage Licenses.

Michael Grady, Hammond ..... 27  
Gracie David, Lexington ..... 20  
Arthur E. Walker, A. Simpson ..... 22  
Josie Bailey, Assumption ..... 28  
Earl N. Bushart, Decatur ..... 22  
Clara M. White, Decatur ..... 22

## Deaths Recorded.

Sadio Griffin to Marie E. Sullivan, lot 2 in block 2 in J. K. Warren & Co.'s ninth addition to Decatur, \$2300.  
Mollie H. Main to Wm. C. Shyback, 77.38 acres in the northeast quarter of section 21, township 16, range 2 east, \$9000.

Straws show whether the drug clerk can take a hint.

## NEARBY TOWNS

## Clinton.

Homer, the seven-year-old son of Mrs. Hamilton Hunt, died at her home near Newt on Monday of measles. The remains were brought to this city for burial Wednesday.

Will M. Holmes, the switchman who was injured in the I. C. yards Monday night, died at a hospital in Bloomington Tuesday night. He was about 70 years of age.

The Catholic fair opened Tuesday evening and closed tonight. It was a social as well as financial success. Mrs. Ida May McKenzie, wife of James McKenzie, died at her home west of Wapella on Monday. Mrs. McKenzie will be remembered as the plaintiff in the case of McKenzie, which was tried in the last term of the circuit court. The suit was to recover money alleged to have been won by Barnett from her husband in a gambling house here. Barnett was found not guilty and motion for a new trial was made and granted. The death of the plaintiff ends the suit as far as she is concerned.

Sheriff Hart went to Springfield Feb. 17 to get requisition papers for John Anderson, who is said to be in Iowa and is wanted here for wife abandonment. This complaint is made by Mrs. Clara Anderson.

Marriage licenses were granted Feb. 17 to Fred E. Winston and Mabel E. Long, of DeWitt, and Jas. H. Martin and Alma A. Phipps, of Kenney.

The contract for the new Presbyterian church building has been let to S. L. Bullard. The contract is \$28,600 and does not include heating or plumbing. The building is to be completed before Jan. 1, 1904.

E. C. Over and A. L. McConkey of De Witt were plaintiffs in a suit against Grant Wilson of the same place to collect \$200 commission for selling the defendant's residence and stock of merchandise. The judgment for \$150 and costs.

Marriage licenses were granted Feb. 18 to Garfield Baker and Lola Crossman, Weidson; C. T. Humphrey of DeWitt and Stella E. Fox, of DeWitt; George I. Cain and Miss McIntosh of Farmer City.

Mar. G. Snow and Minnie M. Updike of this city and William F. Haines of Grand and Myrtle Whitehead of Macon were granted license to wed today.

R. F. Klapp, an apprentice at the I. C. shops, cut his foot badly with a chisel bar while breaking coal. He is being treated and nearly cut off two of his toes.

## Marion.

Mrs. W. T. McLean left on Tuesday last to visit the family of Rev. Jay C. Hanna of Purcell, Oklahoma.

Mrs. R. E. Andrews, a lady of eighty years of age, fell on the street last Thursday and broke her hip.

The fire department of Marion gave a dance at the opera house on Thursday evening.

John Daves of Decatur was visiting friends in Marion this week, transacting business at Webster City, Iowa, this week.

Nicholas Hoffman of Peoria, is visiting his brother, John Hoffman, of Marion, this week.

The Crum grocery store resumed business on Thursday morning. The executions and other claims against the stock were settled. Mr. Crum's health is improving rapidly and he expects to move his family to Marion in the near future. David Smart is manager of the business at present.

M. M. Funk and J. P. Adams are on the petit jury in Decatur this week.

The extreme cold weather cut down the attendance in the lower grades of the public schools this week. It also interfered with the holding of some of the church services.

Miss Lizzie Cade is expecting to go to Louisiana on an extended visit to her brother's family at Crowley, soon. Miss Blanche Meyer is the new bookkeeper for the Farmers' Mercantile association.

Mrs. Grove Bennett who has been quite sick with pneumonia for several days, is improving at the present.

Robert J. Hurdin was appointed guardian for his little granddaughter, Anna May Hurdin, in the probate court at Decatur on Friday last.

T. E. Hurdin has accepted a position in the Kluge hardware store at Clinton. Mr. Hurdin will in short time move his family to that city.

Miss Berkshire is managing the cattle grocery at the present.

Charles J. Bates loaded his goods on the cars last Thursday for his future home at Gallatin, Mo.

Goody Fort returned on last Thursday from a visit with "old friends and family" in Butler county, Ohio.

Ort Fort is now agent for the nomination for tax collector at the republican primary.

The material is all on the ground for the election of the new steel water tower and tank. It will be pushed to completion as soon as the weather conditions are favorable.

The talk of new lumber and coal business for Marion has about subsided. James P. Harris was in Springfield on Thursday.

T. C. Grady transacted business in Clinton on Thursday.

Dr. S. B. Anderson was in Bloomington on business last Wednesday.

Myrtle Temple, Rathbone sisters, expect to have an enjoyable time at their council hall on Monday evening, 23d. Several candidates will be given the degrees and a banquet will be served.

Mrs. Jennie Wilkoff Mrs. Jack Bradley and Mrs. Kate Moore, all of Decatur, were in Marion this week, called by the illness of their sister, Mrs. Grove Bennett.

J. H. Rainey of Decatur was here this week putting up some nice monuments in the Marion cemetery.

Several of our business houses have taken advantage of the dullness of trade during the severe weather to invade their stocks of merchandise.

Mrs. Lydia E. Parker Bates of Decatur was visiting Marion friends on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Taylor of Decatur has been the guest of the family of Captain T. H. Cane for a few days.

Charles E. Bosler has moved into his new blacksmith shop in the new building of Smith & Stoughton.

John Crocker returned from a business trip to Nebraska last Tuesday. Miss Nellie is visiting friends in Clinton this week.

Miss Mattie Sterling is the new stenographer at the office of the Marion Manufacturing company.

Frank Klink will move to the farm of John Marsh east of Marion, soon. Frank Klink and family will move in a few days to their farm near Cerro Gordo.

J. A. Barnett will move onto the farm of his father, lately occupied by Frank Klink.

Druggists and doctors will tell you that the remedy recommended to cure only Rheumatism or Gout is reliable. Such a remedy is Sennewald's Prescription FOUR THOUSAND. \$1.00 a bottle. For sale by druggists.

The man who puts his brains in opiorhisms will soon run dry.

## HE IS AMBITIOUS

Rex Clark, the Forrest Blind Boy to Enter University of Illinois.

## EXPERT ON THE TYPEWRITER.

And One of the Brightest Pupils in Pontiac High School.

Forrest, Ill., Feb. 20.—Rex Clark of Forrest, who is attending the high school at Pontiac, will enter the University of Illinois next fall. He expects to take the full literary course and to fit himself for newspaper work. Mr. Clark is 19 years old and entirely blind. He is a nephew of the Cannon brothers, wealthy bachelors of Forrest, who are devoted to him. He is very bright and intelligent and a hard student. He recites with the other pupils, but has a special reader, an educated lady, who reads his lessons to him two or three times, when, as a rule, he has them perfectly. At the University of Illinois he will also have a reader, probably a student, who will read enough money by this work to pay his tuition and expenses. Mr. Clark will be the first blind person to enter this university. He is an expert on the typewriter and a firm has offered him \$25 a week to stay at their exhibition rooms next year during the world's fair, but his uncle will not allow it.

**Library for Hoopston.**

Hoopston, Ill., Feb. 20.—Hoopston is to have a Carnegie free library, word having been received from the millionaire iron-master that, under the usual conditions, he would give \$10,000 to the city for that purpose. While official action has not yet been taken by the city council, there is no doubt but that the terms will be complied with. Ex-Mayor Honeywell has notified the library committee that he will give a site for the building free of any charge to the municipality. He specified a body of land fronting on Fourth street 90 feet deep, extending from Seminary avenue south to the Lake Erie right of way, with the exception of 12 feet for an alley. This will be undoubtedly be accepted.

**MORMON'S SON IS IN ASYLUM.**

David Smith, Patient at the Elgin Institution.

Elgin, Feb. 20.—Although it is not generally known, David Smith, a son of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon family, who was assassinated at Carthage, Ill., in 1844, is one of the oldest patients at the insane asylum. David Smith is a strong anti-polygamist, and in an early day joined the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints, of which Joseph Smith, Jr., was chosen president in 1860.

The Elgin patient probably will never recover, but his condition is by no means critical. He enjoys his share of freedom, and although 70 years old, is a familiar figure at the Friday night dances in the large amusement hall of the main building.

**FREZZES TO DEATH STANDING.**

Body of an Unknown Man Is Found in Road Near Joliet Ill.

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 20.—The body of an unknown man was found on Patterson road, below Joliet, this morning. The man had frozen to death during the night standing upright, leaning against a barbed wire fence.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 20.—Bert Colvin, a laborer, was brought to this city from Mapleton yesterday with both legs frozen to the hips. He had lain helpless and frozen in a straw stack for forty hours, having lost his way and sought refuge during the blizzard Monday night.

**RUSSELL GUILTY**

Of Manslaughter—Springfield Murderer Pleaded With His Sentence.

Springfield, Feb. 20.—With satisfaction evidenced in his face, Charles Russell, half Indian and half negro, yesterday morning listened to Judge (Freight) read the verdict of the jury finding him guilty of manslaughter. The defendant was charged with the murder of Thomas Rider. In accordance with the law Russell will serve an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary at Chester.

**PEORIA YOUNG WOMAN MISSING.**

Belle Floyd Leaves Home and No Trace Is Found.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 20.—Miss Belle Floyd, a former employee of the National Biscuit company at this place, has been missing from her home since Friday and no trace of her can be found. She left home Friday morning, ostensibly to visit in Bloomington, but inquiry in that city shows that she has not been there.

The missing young woman told her relatives that she had obtained a short leave of absence from her employers, but it is said she resigned her position with the company last week.

**DROPPED DEAD AT KENNEY.**

Mrs. Rachel Clark Died Very Suddenly at Her Home.

Kenney, Ill., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Rachel Clark was found dead in bed this morning. She had been in an invalid for the last thirty years, but was in her usual health when she died Wednesday evening. She was a native of Ohio and came to DeWitt county about twenty-one years ago. She leaves a family of eight children, two daughters and six sons. The funeral will probably be held Friday.

**WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH**

Dress Catches Fire from Stove and She Suffers Intensely.

Kewanee, Ill., Feb. 19.—Miss Belle Dillon, who lived at the home of her cousin, W. H. Huff, of Galva, west of here, was burned so severely today that she died from her injuries two hours later.

She was standing near a stove when her dress caught fire, and there being no help at hand Miss Dillon was soon enveloped in flames. A little boy in the room ran for his father, two

blocks away. The young woman was found on the floor screaming with pain and trying to throw water on herself.

All her clothing was burned, except a little around her waist and her shoes and stockings. After a short period of terrible suffering she lost consciousness and died.

**BROKE DOMESTIC'S LEG**

Exploding Range At Arcola Seriously Injures Two Women.

Arcola, Feb. 20.—A peculiar accident occurred at the home of Henry M. (Becher) Martin, as a result of which the young woman owned by a domestic in the household, sustained a compound fracture of one of her lower limbs and Mrs. Martin sustained slight injury to one of her feet.

The morning was cold, mercury registering 14 degrees below zero. A fire was made in the cook stove which after burning a short time, caused the stove to explode. By the force of the explosion the stove struck the young lady with the result above mentioned, and another of which produced the injury to Mrs. Martin's foot.

Windows were shattered, dishes broken and furniture jarred by the explosion.

The probable cause of the explosion was the presence of ice in the pipes which connected the reservoir with the fire-box of the stove.

**CITY OFFICIAL**

At Brooklyn, Ill., Sentenced to Jail for Malfeasance.

Belleville, Ill., Feb. 20.—In the circuit court this afternoon F. J. Van Erburg and Thomas Stricklyn, mayor and street commissioner, respectively, of Brooklyn, Ill., were convicted of the charge of malfeasance, defrauding and conspiring to defraud the city. The two officials were arrested last September. At their trial it developed that Vanderburg and Stricklyn entered into a conspiracy to defraud the people of Brooklyn by the latter's "straw" men on his list of employees. War-

ren would be drawn in names designating these "straw men" for work supposed to have been done by them, the money collected and diverted to the pockets of the conspirators. It is estimated that Vanderburg and Stricklyn defrauded the city out of \$20,000 before they were discovered. Both were refused a new trial and sentenced to Chester penitentiary by Judge Schaefer.

**NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY**

If the Ordinance is Satisfactory the Plant Will be Installed.

R. E. Pratt left last night for Chicago after a visit of several days in this city looking after affairs in connection with the American Hominy company and the cereal oil mill.

Mr. Pratt was one of the grantees on the franchise granting the Decatur Illuminating and Electric Power company the right to establish an electric light plant in Decatur. When asked if his company would accept that ordinance as passed, he said: "Early last fall when we asked for the franchise we were in a position to begin operations at once. The granting of the franchise has been so long delayed, and in the meantime so many other things have been demanding my attention that I have not been able to give that question much consideration. The sickness of my mother, F. M. Pratt, and his going to Hot Springs placed business matters in such a condition that I have been compelled to give considerable time to the oil mill and that, with the Hominy company, has consumed practically all of my time. We could not because of the weather conditions undertake any construction work now if we were so inclined. I have received a copy of the ordinance but have not yet given it any consideration. We have sixty days in which to signify our acceptance. If the franchise is a suitable one we will, before the limit of time expires, file our acceptance of the ordinance and in due time begin the work of installing the plant."

**THE TELEPHONE PLANT**

Decision as to Site of the New Quarters Will be Made in a Few Days.

Robert Cline, superintendent of construction for the Central Union Telephone company, and J. Kittredge, of the engineering department of that company, were in Decatur yesterday. Mr. Cline left for Chicago on an afternoon train and Engineer Kittredge is still here.

The purpose of their visit was to look over the situation with reference to the work that the company has in hand here. As has been announced it is the purpose of the company to either lease a suitable building or construct one, and also rebuild the plant, putting the wires underground. Several sites and buildings have been offered, but the company is not yet inclined to make public any of these offers.

The statement was made last night that the decision of the company would probably be made within a week or ten days. That decision will largely depend upon the conclusion arrived at by Engineer Kittredge. He is engaged in figuring out which one of the sites offers the greatest advantage from a construction point of view, the greatest economy and the greatest efficiency. Other things being equal, his report on the construction cost will probably determine which of the sites will be selected.

**\$100 Reward, \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO, Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

## ONE MORE DRINK

Was What Edith Eyres Wanted and the Desire Cost Her Life.

## FELL DOWN 9 FOOT GANGWAY.

Skull Was Fractured and Death Ensued in a Few Hours.

Edith Eyres fell down a gangway in the rear of the Haworth block Friday evening and received probably fatal injuries. She had been drinking heavily and was trying to get her to return to 602 South Main street, where she has been staying. They were coming along North State street and when opposite the driveway in the rear of the Scovill furniture store the Eyres woman insisted on going up the alley to get "just one more drink" at the saloon which she thought was still there.

Near the end of the blind alley is the gangway for the stairs leading to the furnace and engine room of the Haworth block. The Eyres woman stopped on the edge of this with her balance fell backward, and slid first to the bottom of the gangway and then down the stairs. The noise of the fall brought the engineer and he took care of the injured woman while her companion ran to police headquarters for help. Captain Koeppe with Driver Kirkbride and Patrolman Powell were soon at the scene of the accident and carried the unconscious woman up the stairs and loaded her into the wagon.

**Made a Good Diagnosis.**

She was taken to the police dispensary where Desk Sergeant Imboden who has seen a good many cases brought in on a stretcher diagnosed the case before the arrival of the doctor as one of a fractured skull.

Dr. John Miller was summoned and made an examination which merely confirmed the conclusion of the desk sergeant. The woman was taken to the hospital where Dr. John Miller and Dr. W. C. Wood cut down upon the skull and found that there was a very extensive fracture of the base of the skull on the left side. There was no hope for the woman and she died about 11 o'clock. An inquest will be held today and the arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

When the women was first carried into police headquarters a pint flask containing a few ounces of diluted alcohol fell from her stocking and told the story of her misfortune without need of words.

**Licensed at Springfield.**

A marriage license was issued at Springfield Wednesday to Fr. d Armstrong, 22, Blue Mound, and Miss Louise Ebert, 18, of Stonington.

Nothing half so fine as Mrs. Austin's Pancake Flour. Ask your grocer for it.

A lovely breakfast is quickly prepared from Mrs. Austin's famous Pancake Flour.

Mrs. Augustin's famous Pancake Flour, made from the three great staples of life; wheat, corn, and rice.

To have most delicious, lovely, brown cakes for breakfast, mix any cold water with Mrs. Austin's famous Pancake Flour.

Mrs. Austin's Pancakes will help you to regain that lost appetite. At grocers.

**A Certain Cure for Chills.**

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Chills, Prostrations, Damp, Swelling, Swollen feet. At all druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c.

**Many School Children are Sickly.**

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up colds in 24 hours. Cure Coughs, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

**Coming Wedding.**

Miss Stella Hamilton of 847 East Marietta street and William Mallory, a plumber of Wichita, Kansas, will be married at the home of the bride's

parents on Thursday, February 26, at 8 o'clock. An informal reception will follow the wedding. A number of invitations have been sent out. The bride and groom will have immediately following the reception for their home in Kansas.

**SENT TO CERRO GORDO.**

Rev. F. N. Sandifur of North Main, Main M. E. Church Transferred.

Rev. F. N. Sandifur who has been the pastor of the North Main street M. E. church for some time past, has been transferred to Cerro Gordo by Rev. Horace Reed. He takes the place of Rev. J. W. Porter, who recently resigned. Since that resignation Rev. J. W. Crane has been filling the pulpit and will preach there again tomorrow, but in the following week Rev. Sandifur will take up the work.

The charge is a good one paying a salary of \$1000 and parsonage. It is not yet known who will succeed to the pastorate of the North Main street church. Rev. Sandifur has done very effective work there.

**Want Bowling at Tuscola.**

Charles Pringle who recently sold his bowling alley location on East Main street to Harvey Greider is negotiating with several smaller towns for a location for the alleys. Mr. Pringle has been trying to secure a suitable room in Clinton. If he does not go to Clinton he will go to Tuscola. A number of citizens of the latter place have requested him to move the alleys there. Pringle will open up a new bowling alley in the spring some place up town.

Subscribe for The Herald.

## Will It Ever Stop?



Will the never-ceasing aches of the back ever stop? Many a sufferer mentally asks this question after vain efforts to find relief and cure for backache. There is a cure, but you can't expect to find it unless you know the cause of "that bad back." Most backache pains come from the kidneys, and the seat of the trouble

must be attacked. Plasters, liniments and lotions may relieve the ache, but will not cure, as they fail to reach the cause—the kidneys.

## DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

Cure bad back and every kidney ill—rheumatic pains, sleeplessness, nervous conditions, diabetes, dropsy, gravel and all complaints of the Kidneys and bladder down to that dread destroyer, Bright's disease.